

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follow. Insertions are shown underlined while deletions are ~~struck through~~.

1.-56. (Cancelled)

57. (Currently amended) A curable composition which comprises the following two components ~~as essential components~~:

(I) a vinyl polymer, which has at least one crosslinkable sillyl group at the terminus represented by general formula (1) ~~at the terminus~~:



wherein each of R¹ and R² represents an alkyl group containing 1 to 20 carbon atoms, an aryl group containing 6 to 20 carbon atoms, an aralkyl group containing 7 to 20 carbon atoms, or a triorganosiloxy group represented by (R')₃SiO-, wherein R' represents a monovalent hydrocarbon group containing 1 to 20 carbon atoms, and three R's may be identical to or different from one another, and when two or more R¹'s or R²'s exist, these may be identical to or different from one another; Y represents a hydroxyl group or a hydrolyzable group, and when two or more Y's exist, these may be identical to or different from one another; and a represents 0, 1, 2, or 3, b represents 0, 1, or 2, and m represents an integer between 0 and 19, which satisfies a + mb ≥ 1; and

(III) an amine compound,

wherein:

said vinyl polymer (I) has a methyl acrylate or methyl methacrylate monomer containing a methyl ester group as an essential ~~a~~ constituent unit; or

said curable composition further comprises a compound (II) which is selected from the group consisting of dimethyl malonate, dimethyl succinate, dimethyl glutarate, dimethyl adipate, dimethyl sebacate, methyl acetate, methyl propionate, methyl butyrate, methyl valerate, methyl caprylate, methyl caprate, methyl laurate, methyl myristate, methyl palmitate, methyl stearate, methyl oleate, methyl ricinoleate, and coconut fatty acid methyl ester having a methyl ester group, wherein said compound (II) is not the same as vinyl polymer (I).

58. (Currently amended) The curable composition according to claim 57, which comprises the following two components ~~as essential components~~:

a vinyl polymer (I), which has at least one crosslinkable silyl group of general formula (1) as defined in claim 1 at the terminus and a monomer containing a methyl ester group as an essential a constituent unit; and

(III) an amine compound.

59. (Previously presented) The curable composition according to claim 58, wherein the vinyl polymer (I) is (meth) acrylic polymer.

60-61. (Cancelled)

62. (Previously presented) The curable composition according to claim 57, wherein the vinyl polymer (I) is in a liquid state at 23°C.

63. (Previously presented) The curable composition according to claim 57, wherein the vinyl polymer (I) is synthesized by living radical polymerization.

64. (Previously presented) The curable composition according to claim 57, wherein the vinyl polymer (I) is synthesized by atom transfer radical polymerization.

65. (Previously presented) The curable composition according to claim 57, wherein the vinyl polymer (I) has a ratio of weight average molecular weight to number average molecular weight of less than 1.8, the ratio being determined by gel permeation chromatography.

66. (Currently amended) A curable composition according to claim 57, which comprises the following components as essential components:

a vinyl polymer (I) having at least one crosslinkable silyl group represented by the general formula (1) as defined in claim 1 at the terminus;

~~a compound (II) having a methyl ester group, where compound (II) having a methyl ester group is not the same as Vinyl polymer (I) which is selected from the group consisting of dimethyl malonate, dimethyl succinate, dimethyl glutarate, dimethyl adipate, dimethyl sebacate, methyl acetate, methyl propionate, methyl butyrate, methyl valerate, methyl caprylate, methyl caprate, methyl laurate, methyl myristate, methyl palmitate, methyl stearate, methyl oleate, methyl ricinoleate, and coconut fatty acid methyl ester; and~~

an amine compound (III).

67. (Previously presented) The curable composition according to claim 66, wherein the vinyl polymer (I) is an acrylic polymer.

68. (Previously presented) The curable composition according to claim 67, wherein the vinyl polymer (I) is an acrylic ester polymer.

69. (Previously presented) The curable composition according to claim 66, wherein the compound (II) having a methyl ester group is not a polymer.

70-76 (Canceled)

77. (Previously presented) The curable composition according to claim 57, wherein the curable composition is a one-component curable composition.

78. (Currently amended) The curable composition according to claim 57, which comprises a condensation curing catalyst as an essential a component.

79. (Previously presented) The curable composition according to claim 78, wherein the condensation curing catalyst is a tin curling catalyst.

80. (Previously presented) The curable composition according to claim 57, wherein the amino group contained in the amine compound (III) is a primary amine.

81. (Previously presented) The curable composition according to claim 57, wherein the amine compound (III) is a silane coupling agent.

82. (Previously presented) The curable composition according to claim 57, further comprising a polyether polymer having at least one crosslinkable silyl group, the crosslinkable silyl group being represented by the general formula (1) as defined in claim 1.

83. (Previously presented) A sealant, wherein the curable composition according to claim 57 is used.

84. (Previously presented) A liquid gasket, wherein the curable composition according to claim 57 is used.

85. (Previously presented) An adhesive, wherein the curable composition according to claim 57 is used.